

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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- 1           1.       A reinforcer for the edge of a seat having a sitting surface, the  
2   reinforcer comprising:  
3               a flexible panel having inner and outer perimeters, the inner and outer  
4   perimeters defining an opening, the flexible panel sized and configured to encircle  
5   the edge of the seat with the sitting surface of the seat accessible through the  
6   opening; and  
7               at least one tightener secured at the inner and outer perimeters for  
8   constricting each perimeter about the seat edge.
- 1           2.       The reinforcer of claim 1 wherein the at least one tightener includes a  
2   single tightener secured to each of the inner and outer perimeters.
- 1           3.       The reinforcer of claim 1 wherein the at least one tightener includes at  
2   least one tightener secured to each of the inner and outer perimeters.
- 1           4.       The reinforcer of claim 1 wherein each of the at least one tighteners is  
2   a drawstring.
- 1           5.       The reinforcer of claim 1 wherein each of the at least one tighteners is  
2   an elastic strip.
- 1           6.       The reinforcer of claim 1 wherein each of the at least one tighteners  
2   secured to the inner perimeter is further configured to pass through at least one hole  
3   in the sitting surface of the seat.
- 1           7.       The reinforcer of claim 1 wherein the flexible panel is a durable  
2   material.

1           8.       The reinforcer of claim 1 wherein the seat further includes a supporting  
2 surface and wherein the supporting surface is further accessible through the  
3 opening.

1           9.       A reinforcer for the edge of a seat having a sitting surface, the  
2 reinforcer comprising:  
3               a flexible panel tailored to fit the edge of the seat without covering the  
4 sitting surface, the flexible panel having an inner and an outer perimeter; and  
5               at least one tightener secured at the inner and outer perimeters for  
6 constricting each perimeter about the seat edge.

1           10.      The reinforcer of claim 9 wherein the at least one tightener includes a  
2 single tightener secured to each of the inner and outer perimeters.

1           11.      The reinforcer of claim 9 wherein the at least one tightener includes at  
2 least one tightener secured to each of the inner and outer perimeters.

1           12.      The reinforcer of claim 9 wherein each of the at least one tighteners is  
2 a drawstring.

1           13.      The reinforcer of claim 9 wherein each of the at least one tighteners is  
2 an elastic strip.

1           14.      The reinforcer of claim 9 wherein each of the at least one tighteners  
2 secured to the inner perimeter is further configured to pass through at least one hole  
3 in the sitting surface of the seat.

1           15.      The reinforcer of claim 9 wherein the flexible panel is a durable  
2 material.

1           16.      The reinforcer of claim 9 wherein the seat further includes a supporting  
2 surface and wherein the flexible panel is further tailored to fit the edge of the seat  
3 without covering the supporting surface.